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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON AVAILABILITY OF U.S. ECONOMIC DATA.

1. AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER'S (PM.M.'S) DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION AS TO TIME LAG BETWEEN PERIOD COVERED BY KEY ECONOMIC DATA AND AVAILABILITY TO PRINCIPAL USG DECISION-MAKERS; E.G., WHEN IS DATA FOR MONTH OF JANUARY IN HANDS OF SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS, NOT NECESSARILY IN FINAL PUBLISHED FORM? INFORMATION REQUESTED ON FOLLOWING SERIES: (A) CONSUMER PRICE AND RELATED INDICES; (B) WAGE LEVELS; (C) EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT; (D) RETAIL SALES; (E) INVENTORIES, ORDERS AND DELIVERIES; (F) NATIONAL ACCOUNTS DATA.

2. IN ADDITION, PM'S DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED WHEN COMMERCE DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION, SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS, IS DELIVERED TO END-USERS; E.G. ON WHAT DATE JANUARY ISSUE WOULD "HIT THE STREETS".

3. COMMENT: PM WHITLAM HAS RECENTLY BEEN CRITICAL OF PRESENT PROCEDURES FOR MAKING ECONOMIC DATA AVAILABLE TO GOA POLICY MAKERS AND HAS CALLED FOR REFORMS. WE ASSUME PRESENT INQUIRY ORIGINATES FROM THIS PROJECT. EMBASSY WISHES TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT. CABLING INFORMATION REQUESTED AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

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